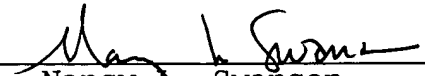


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3. COPY: Declaration from 09/433,360, filed 11/3/99, from which the present application USSN 10/698,959 is a continuation thereof.
4. Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO
5. Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) with copy of recorded Assignment Document attached thereto.
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1502** for a Large Entity

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- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$602

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